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SUBJECT: MARCONA - PRIME MINISTER RESPONDS TO AMBASSADOR'S  
LETTER

REF: LIMA 8336

1. ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 7, PRIME MINISTER VARGAS PRIETO  
TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO SAY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AND READ  
WITH INTEREST THE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER OF THE DAY BEFORE.  
HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING RESPONDED MORE PROMPTLY, BUT  
SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN ENGAGED ALL DAY OCTOBER 6 AND HAD  
BEEN HANDED LETTER ONLY THAT EVENING. PRIME MINISTER TOLD  
AMBASSADOR HE WAS VERY ENCOURAGED BY INDICATIONS OF  
MARCONA'S FLEXIBILITY AND THAT HE HAD IMMEDIATELY GIVEN  
INSTRUCTIONS TO COMMISSION (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED  
ALBERTO RUIZ ELDREDGE) TO MEET WITH COMPTON AND FURTH  
ON OCTOBER 10 TO ENGAGE IN PRODUCTIVE NEGOTIATION  
LOOKING TOWARD SOLUTION. AMBASSADOR THANKED PRIME  
MINISTER FOR HIS CALL AND REITERATED THAT BEST INTERESTS  
OF BOTH WOULD BE SERVED BY PROMPT AGREEMENT.

2. EMBOFF INFORMED COMPTON IN SAN FRANCISCO OF  
FOREGOING. HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED BY PERSONAL ATTENTION  
OF PRIME MINISTER TO PROBLEM, BUT SAID HE THOUGHT IT  
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UNFORTUNATE THAT RUIZ ELDREDGE IS STILL APPARENTLY AN

ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY HAS  
SINCE SPOKEN WITH BROUSSET TO EMPHASIZE MARCONA'S  
WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE ALL AVENUES. BROUSSET SAID  
HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EAST AND IS FAMILIAR WITH  
OUTLINES OF MARCONA'S POSITION. WE HAVE ALSO SENT  
COPIES OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO BROUSSET AND DELGADO.

3. COMMENT: WE HOPE THIS MOTION MAY PRODUCE SUCH  
IMMEDIATE REACTION ON THE PART OF PRIME MINISTER  
WERE VELASCO STILL PRESIDENT. HOPEFULLY, TIMING  
OF LETTER WAS SUCH THAT VARGAS PRIETO WAS WELL PRIMED  
FOR REGULAR OCTOBER 7 MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.  
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